

TEMPORARY INCREASE IN INSPECTOR-GENERAL'S
DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY.

MAY 25, 1898.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union and ordered to be printed.

Mr. HULL, from the Committee on Military Affairs, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 10424.]

The Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 10424) entitled "A bill to provide for a temporary increase of the Inspector-General's Department of the Army," report the same back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

A letter from J. C. Breckenridge, Inspector-General of the United States Army, which bears the indorsement of the Adjutant-General of the Army and the honorable Secretary of War, is herewith submitted and made a part of this report.

WAR DEPARTMENT, INSPECTOR-GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Washington, May 14, 1898.

SIR: I have the honor to submit herewith the draft of a bill relative to the Inspector-General's Department, and to request that you will submit it to Congress with your approval.

As you are aware, the number of officers in the Department is not sufficient for the ordinary inspection service of the Army in time of peace, and consequently four officers from the line are now on duty as acting inspectors-general.

This bill, if enacted, will remedy a long existing defect in the organization of this Department—a defect existing in no other staff corps of the Army.

Very respectfully,

J. C. BRECKENRIDGE, *Inspector-General.*

The SECRETARY OF WAR.

[First indorsement.]

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Washington, May 20, 1898.

Respectfully returned to the honorable the Secretary of War.

This office recommends as a substitute for the measure submitted by the Inspector-General, which is objectionable in some particulars, as heretofore pointed out, a bill providing for an increase in the Inspector-General's Department to the extent of one

colonel, one lieutenant-colonel, and one major; in all, three officers. This increase, as in the case of the addition to the Adjutant-General's Department recently provided for by Congress, is limited to the duration of the war, and the extra offices will be gradually abolished upon its close. In my judgment the present exigency renders this addition to the Inspector-General's Department a necessity, and I trust it may meet with your approval and receive the sanction of Congress.

H. C. CORBIN, *Adjutant-General*.

[Second indorsement.]

WAR DEPARTMENT, *Washington, May 20, 1898.*

Respectfully submitted to the honorable the chairman of the Military Committee of the House of Representatives, heartily concurring in the recommendation of the Adjutant-General of the Army, as stated in the first indorsement hereon.

R. A. ALGER, *Secretary of War*.

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